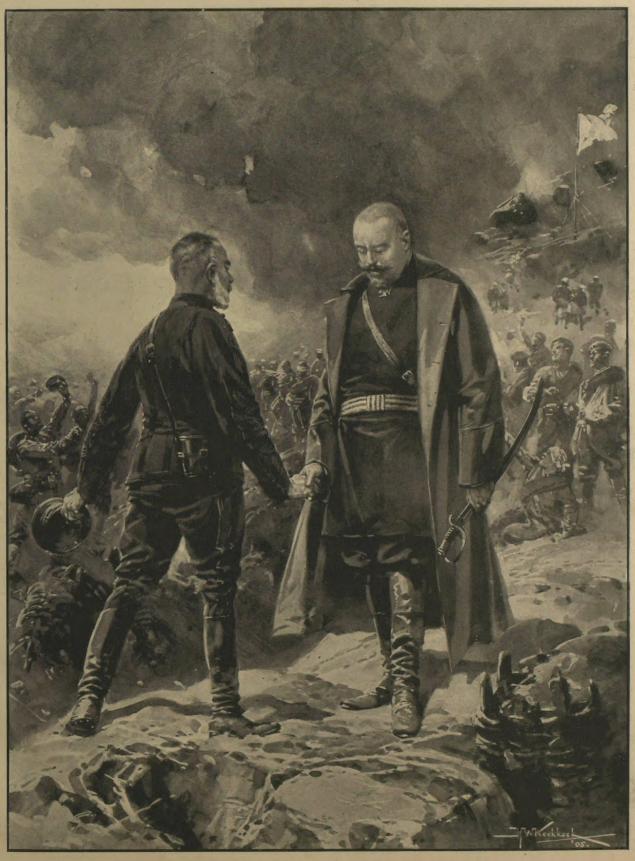
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BY L. F. AUSTIN.

There is a window in the Strand, where day by day for months little knots of people have studied a military map of Port Arthur, with tiny flags of the combatants indicating their positions. There never seemed to be any change; and as I passed the window every morning, the tiny flags greeted me as if they were ensigns of the immutable cosmogony. "O World, which was and is, what is Cosmogony?" asked Byron. I don't precisely know; but that military map was evidently part of it. The world went round; Port Arthur was impregnable; and the students in the Strand knitted their brows every day with the air of Captain Shandy planning his immortal fortifications. But, lo! on Tuesday last, as I approached the spot, men were hurrying away with a dazed expression of bereavement, as if the Cosmogony had suddenly crumbled under their feet. Port Arthur had fallen! The tiny flags had vanished; and there reigned alone in their stead the flamboyant banner of the Rising Sun. How to pass that window now, and reconcile oneself to an entirely new order of the universe: that is the problem I see the students wrestling with it in their homes, and wondering to whom should be accorded the greater glory-to the unconquerable soul of Stoessel, to the grimly tenacious Nogi, to Togo, haranguing the spirits of his mighty dead? The honours of valour and fortitude belong to all.

Nothing is so marvellous in fiction or the drama as the refusal of next-of-kin to claim their lawful inheritance. At the end of the year somebody compiles a list of properties which are lying fallow because the missing heirs put in no appearance. Solicitors ransack earth and sea for them in vain. The commonplace notion is that they are dead. Bless you, that isn't their game! At this moment a gentleman in a red shirt, mining in some gulch of Colorado, and exercising his revolver on the sheriff by way of diversion, is reading extracts from a London paper to his mate. They relate to estates unclaimed, and are particularly intended to meet the eye of the exile to whom belong the accumulated profits of a shooting-gallery. I have not invented this, let me tell you. The shooting-gallery figured duly among the properties published in the Times. It belonged to a lady, who bequeathed it by will with the usual formalities-witnesses, solicitors, and sealing-wax; and they all cry aloud to the universe, "Give us the heir of this unearned increment of pot-shots that missed the bull's-eye!"

The gentleman in the red shirt is the man, you may depend. "My old aunt is dead," says he to his mate in the Colorado gulch, "and there's a tidy pile waiting for me t' other side the pond." "When do you sail?" asks his mate, a man of business. "I don't sail," is the surprising answer. "I won't touch that money. Do you know how it was made?" The mate prepares for a tale of mystery and crime -something out of the common. "In England," says the miner impressively, "nobody can shoot worth a cent. The yokels used to blaze away in my aunt's gallery. When they hit the bull's-eye, the shot rang a bell, and they got a packet of nuts. That bell was never heard more than once a year, and my aunt saved the nuts. Do you think I'd take a fortune made like that?" His eye flashes proudly, but his mate seems a trifle puzzled by the point of honour. "Folks are always missing the bull's-eye," says he sententiously. "That ain't no reason why other folks shouldn't scoop in the entrance-money." "You don't understand," says the miner; "that money was made out of the ignorance of my countrymen. If they could all draw a bead as well as I can"-here he toys with his revolver, and looks around casually, as if for the sheriff - "I shouldn't mind. But if they could, my aunt wouldn't have saved the nuts."

This case of conscience may seem extravagant: but you will admit that if every man in England were a moderately good shot, the bull's-eye would tinkle the knell of the shooting-gallery as an investment which goes a-begging for an owner. I commend this thought to the wisdom that has given new guns at last to the British Army, but is not quite equal to the task of making the Army worthy of the guns. And now let me ask, what becomes of these little accumulations, whose lawful owners prefer to remain in conscientious obscurity? I know what should be done with them. There ought to be an annual division for the benefit of deserving toilers in alphabetical order. Among the contributions to the philosophy which is always begotten of the New Year, I stand by this. That gentleman in the Colorado gulch would be relieved, I am sure, to know that his aunt's assets had been awarded to me. I would cheerfully divert a portion of them to the training of marksmen, who should go nutting at country fairs. They might injure the shooting-gallery industry, but stir up so much emulation that young England would be as eager to excel in rifle-practice as at football.

The importance of nuts has another aspect. In the National Review, Mr. Neville Lytton predicts that we shall come to them as a universal diet. He is an enthusiastic disciple of Dr. Haig, who bids us discard flesh, fowl, and good red-herring, for bread, cheese, milk, and nuts above all. Mr. Lytton has no patience with medical men who say there is "something in" this diet, yet will not recommend it to all their patients. Away with the fallacy that one man's meat is another man's poison! Dr. Hutchison, I remember, declares that milk is good for babes, but most injudicious for adults, and yet Mr. Lytton drinks two pints a day. Bread terrifies some nervous people so much that they will never touch it save in the form of toast. But Mr. Lytton eats it with intrepidity, especially at the tables of the unregenerate, when served with meats that his soul abhorreth. What is a man of his principles to do at a dinner-party? Well, he takes every dish, cuts it up small, and hides the débris under paper frillings and parsley. This engineering is covered, no doubt, by a sustained artillery-fire of lively conversation, so that even his fair neighbour is deceived, and his host entertains a dietetic apostle unawares.

Does he starve? By no means. He has eaten an apostolic meal before leaving home. Heedless of starch, he consumes all the bread within reach. His fair neighbour on either side seldom touches bread; and Mr. Lytton, I presume, adds her store to his commissariat. I cannot tell why woman at a dinner-party ignores her roll; possibly because she cannot handle it gracefully; at any rate, you can abstract it, and she will never know. Let her not know't, and she's not robb'd at all, as the poet says. So Mr. Lytton is well off for the necessaries; and you should just see him at dessert! As the unregenerate do no more than dally with the nuts, he sweeps the board. Such a cracking of walnuts and filberts must arrest attention; and here surely the apostle seizes his chance to improve the occasion. Despite that manœuvring with the paper frillings and the parsley (how does he manage, by the way, when the parsley is all in the sauce, and the cutlets are not frilled?), I cannot believe that Mr. Lytton lacks the courage of his opinions. Rapping the knuckles of the company, so to speak, with the nut-crackers, does he not launch into an eloquent exposition of Dr. Haig's message? When he dined out on New Year's Eve, he could not have resisted the impulse to address his host and hostess in these terms: "My good friends, in pure water (I hope it is pure) and in the lamentable absence of milk, of which I am accustomed to consume a pint at dinner, I drink your health, and wish you happiness and no illness in the coming year. But, oh, let me warn you that you cannot truly thrive except on the diet which makes the agility, beauty, and simplicity of

What do the children in "Peter Pan," who lead a woodland life with the fairies-what do they live on? The pirate chief provides a "damp cake," covered with green sugar, in the hope that they will overeat themselves and succumb; but this plot is baffled. My belief is that they eat nuts all day, for the only visible game consists of wolves, an ostrich, and a crocodile, animals not mentioned in any cookery-book. I should like to impress this on Mr. Lytton, who ought to know that there is a moment in Mr. Barrie's charming play when a vital confession of faith is demanded from the audience. A fairy who seems to be nothing but a dancing light on the wall, and a tinkling bell, has corporeal substance enough to suffer from the effects of drinking poison, and is about to die when Peter Pan rushes down to the footlights, and cries to us, "Say you believe in fairies, and save Tinker Bell's life!" We profess this creed with great fervour; for who would have the death of Tinker Bell or any other fairy at his door? Mr. Lytton might improve this occasion, too, by rising from his seat and solemnly declaring his faith in fairies because they subsist on nuts. "Oh, my friends," he might add, turning to the pit, "let this be a lesson to you. The poison which nearly did for Tinker Bell is Mr. Barrie's beautiful way of figuring that savage diet to which you cling by fatal habit.'

And this reminds me of a sign of grace on Mr. Barrie's part which has escaped general notice. It was said of him the other day, by way of eulogy, that he had added a proverbial phrase to the language. This was an allusion to his dreadful misuse of one of the most beautiful names that are borne by woman. I should be sorry to believe that such a profanation had taken a permanent hold upon the popular mind. Mr. Barrie, at any rate, seems anxious to obliterate that sorry jest, for the name of the distracted mother, whose children fly away with Peter Pan through the nursery-window, but nestle back in her arms after their amazing adventures-her name is Mary. I take this to be Mr. Barrie's apology to his own admirable sense of fitness for a melancholy lapse. He has signalised the New Year, not by turning over a new leaf, but by restoring an old one, which he had left blurred and misshapen.

MEASURING TIME.—II.

Last week we discussed Mr. Cunynghame's opening lectures to children at the Royal Institution on Measuring Time. The third, fourth, and fifth discourses of the series were devoted to an explanation of the laws which regulate the time and swing of pendulums. Some very wonderful magical clocks were exhibited, but perhaps the feature of the whole lecture that would most interest our readers is the collection of clocks the property of Mr. Albert Schloss. These beautiful timepieces comprised specimens of the finest work of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. Prominent among them was a figure of Bacchus crowned with ivy-leaves, corpulent, and with eyes that rolled horribly to and fro. Seated on a wine-cask, at every hour he raised a bottle to his mouth, while his underlip gaped to receive the liquor.

The whole figure is executed in beaten copper, gilt by the mercury process; below, in an octagonal box of ebony, mounted in gilt metal, is a beautifully carved and engraved movement driven by a coiled mainspring. Another fine example was a sixteenth-century figure of our Lord tied to a column. As each hour struck, two soldiers, exhibiting the ferocity of countenance with which Dürer and other German masters used to depict the torturers of. Christ, raised whips made of twisted wire and brought them down upon His shoulders. This work also is in copper, gilt and coloured. Its interest lies in the exact analogy it bears to the drawings of the period of such subjects. The soldiers, of course, are in the garb of German soldiers of the period when the clock was made.

Another clock is of a type that is frequently found. A beautifully executed cross bears the dying figure of the Redeemer, and above it is mounted a small globe, which turns round and exhibits the hours. Another that is similar has, in addition, the figures of angels, who, when the hours strike, raise chalices to receive the blood. Such angels are very familiar to those who have studied contemporary pictures. On an ebony box of another clock is placed a rampant lion, holding in his paw a shield on which is the clock-face. His eyes roll with each movement of the balance-wheel, and when the hours strike he opens his jaws, but there is no mechanism to make him growl. A small dog stands on one of the clocks, watching the dial, which is laid horizontally on the floor, and rolling his eyes.

Yet another clock, perhaps made for an ecclesiastic, is a graceful figure of the Virgin standing on a crescent moon. Its date is probably about the middle of the seventeenth century. Then there is a clock with six faces and an alarum. On the faces are figures emblematic of the days of the week. The upper part is pierced, and thus some of the mechanism can be seen. A very beautiful machine has an octagonal shape. It dates from the sixteenth century, and is fitted with a number of delicate spires; the thin feet are also very characteristic. A square clock, also with towers, has an external pendulum.

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The collections on the table included a great number of other timepieces. There was a model of Congreve's clock, in which time was kept by the fall of a small ball down a zigzag channel on a rocking inclined plane. The original model of Lord Grimthorpe's Westminster clock was shown (lent by Mr. Conrad Cooke). A new form of astronomical clock with a free pendulum and detached escapement was also exhibited.

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A number of mysterious clocks were also shown, the pendulums being apparently so separated from the mechanism that the connection between them cannot easily be seen. The whole mechanism of a clock was described, and an explanation given of the reason why the teeth of the wheels are cut in epicycloids.

Various other works of horological interest delighted the audience. A fine clock in inlaid silver once stood in the bed-room of Queen Anne. It is now the property of Sir James Dewar. A small snuff-box was shown in action, out of which, when a spring was pressed, a tiny bird jumped up and warbled a little song, flapping its wings. The collection of about thirty curious watches, including musical watches, repeaters, and watches whose faces displayed mechanical figures in action, excited much interest. There was also an exhibition of old engraving on watch-movements, an art in which the English once particularly excelled, but which has now quite perished.

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Indeed, the old era of clockmaking has passed away. In former times each clock was a separate hand-made work of art. The wheels were cut out by piercing a number of holes round the edge of a disc, and then cutting the teeth with a saw and filing them up with specially shaped files. Now they are cut by a flycutter making five thousand revolutions a minute. One of these was shown in action at the lectures.

The latest plan of all is to stamp wheels bodily out of sheet metal; whence it follows that a clock or watch can be made for five shillings, so that when a clock is out of repair, instead of getting it mended people throw it on the dustheap and buy another. Thus it is now almost impossible to find a good clock-mender

THE PLAYHOUSES.

"PETER PAN," AT THE DUKE OF YORK'S.

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Two ideas underlie Mr. Barrie's delightful new fantasy, "Peter Pan; or, The Boy Who Wouldn't Grow Up"—the child's passion for make-believe, and the average little girl's maternal instinct. Harping on these two strings, the playwright himself makes-believe unflaggingly in an artfully artless, go-as-you-please play which has all the pretty inconsequence of an imaginative child's improvisation, all the wild extravagance of a youngster's dream. Like Moira Lonely, the latest Barrie heroine—Wendy Darling—loves "mothering" people, and so quickly accepts her mysterious boy-visitor's invitation to quit her comfortable nursery and tend the lost little lads who live motherless in Never Never Land. There, in a glorious underground home, Wendy and Peter imitate most piquantly grown-up parents; there, thanks to Mr. Barrie's intuition, all the romantic fancies of youthful brains about friendly Redskins and villainous pirates are thrillingly materialised; till Peter's band, unlike their gallant captain, yearn for their mothers' arms, and in childhood's beautiful confidence creep back home. Four of his interpreters must gladden Mr. Barrie's heart: Miss Nina Boucicault, who is just the Peter of his conceiving, earnest with all a boy's intensity at his play; Mr. Du Maurier, equally charming as penitent father and truculent pirate; Miss Dorothea Baird, a beautiful young mother, whose sob over the children's return is a genuine cri du cœur; and, above all, Miss Hilda Trevelyan, whose Wendy, in speech, carriage, and gentle gravity, is the perfection of girlish naturalness.

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In so far as it has a plot—very familiar, no doubt, and rather naïvely handled—and in so far as its melodies possess charm and are really Irish in character, Mr. Patrick Bidwell's "play with music," "Peggy Machree," may be welcomed as an improvement on average musical comedy. Its story (for which, as for the lyrics and part of the score—Signor Esposito and Mr. Clarence Lucas being his fellow-composers—Mr. Bidwell is responsible) is laid in mid-eighteenth-century Ireland, and deals with the embarrassments of a young squireen and a seeming colleen but real great lady, who take part in a mock-marriage and find themselves legally wedded. To Mr. Denis O'Sullivan and Miss Marie Dainton fall nearly all the opportunities, musical and histrionic, of the piece; and as Mr. O'Sullivan is a vocalist of a stamp rarely seen on the lyric stage, and Miss Dainton is a vivacious comédienne, this is just as well.

"BUTTERFLIES IN FAIRYLAND," AT THE HIPPODROME.

There is no pantomime this year at the Hippodrome; instead, the management of this popular house offers (as only one, of course, of many attractive "turns") what may be called a glorified transformation-scene; and a very beautiful spectacle it is, quite dazzling in its wonderful effects of light and colour. The Hippodrome has an advantage over other theatres in the much greater space that it can devote to scenic display, and full advantage is taken of this in the mounting of "Butterflies in Fairyland." The whole arena is converted into a lake of water, wherein appear living statues, round which illuminated fountains play with constant changes of tint. Thus a splendid setting is afforded to the seven gorgeous tableaux which recount the story of the butterfly; and the ensemble made up by the glittering water, the processions of richly hued butterflies, and the pretty movements of Herr Heidenreich's flying ballet is so lovely as fully to justify the spectacle's claim to show us "Fairyland."

NOVEL TURNS AT THE ALHAMBRA AND EMPIRE.

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Both the Alhambra and the Empire this week can boast extraordinary entertainers. At the former house is appearing a band of Chungchusen conjurers and jugglers who, going under the name of the Tschin-maa Troupe, were only last October amusing the Russian soldiers encamped on the Sha-ho. Each member of the band has some interesting speciality to show: thus one can turn back-somersaults with his hands full of crockery, another is a clever hand at knife-throwing, and a third is a neat contortionist. Meanwhile, the Empire has also its special Far Eastern entertainment, furnished by Ching Ling Foo, the Chinese magician, and his ten assistants. Ching's chief feats are accomplished with mysterious bowls of water produced from all sorts of strange quarters, and conclude with a weird and wonderful display of fire-eating, while his comrades manifest great skill as jugglers and contortionists.

THE NEW LYCEUM.

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Last Saturday the New Lyceum, transformed from a playhouse of noble traditions to a variety theatre with two shows nightly, was opened with no fewer than three performances. Entirely rebuilt, save for the famous portico and one wall, and elaborately decorated in Louis Quinze style, this latest of London halls can, for cosiness and pleasantness of appearance, vie with any of its rivals. And the programme which the new manager, Mr. Barrasford, has arranged, is worthy of its hone. In fact, only one discord marred the harmony of the very successful inaugural performance—the markedly foreign accent of a quartet of vocalists chosen to sing the National Anthem. Otherwise the rendering by these four of a "Rigoletto" excerpt, the lightning jugglery of the Purrocopis, the bird-whistling of the Permane Brothers, the cake-walking and bicycle-riding of Taylor's elephants; the pictures in sand and smoke done by Mile. Wilma, and several other "turns" bear out Mr. Barrasford's promise of high-class entertainment.

"THE COMING RACE." AT ST. GEORGE'S HALL.

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To signalise his change of quarters — from the Egyptian Hall to St. George's Hall—Mr. Maskelyne

has changed his entertainment, presenting now a play which occupies the whole of his programme. This is a version prepared by himself and Mr. David Christie Murray of Lord Lytton's romance, "The Coming Race"; and while the story of the wonderful underground people who have advanced in moral and physical stature by the command of "vril" (electricity) does not prove particularly dramatic, certain introduced automata and mechanical effects are very ingenious; and Mr. Hermann Vezin and Miss Vera Beringer, as ruler and princess of the race, and Mr. Topham, as the young American who happens on them, all act very satisfactorily.

OUR PORT ARTHUR SUPPLEMENTS.

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Our readers will note that the dramatically sudden downfall of Port Arthur has found us in no way unprepared, for we are this week enabled to give a Double Number, with three Supplements, descriptive of great incidents of the siege. Our Illustrations are brought down to the last possible moment at which pictures could be received from the Far East, where Mr. Frederic Villiers was our special and the only artist before Port Arthur. A complete history of the operations has been written by Mr. Charles Lowe, the eminent authority on military subjects, and this is illustrated by a comprehensive series of pictures beginning with the memorable torpedo attack of last February, from sketches by a Russian officer on board the Tisarevitch. It contains also the latest photographs that ran the blockade. Our large double-page Supplement, entitled "Stoessel's Farewell to a Forlorn Hope," commemorates the desperate plight of the defenders, whose numbers were so reduced that even maimed men had to go into the firing-line. This pitiful decimation of the Russian forces is illustrated in our third Supplement, "The Report: The Survivors' Tale of a Fort's Resistance."

THE TSAR'S DECREE.

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There is dutiful applause in the Russian newspapers for the manifesto of the Tsar; but the general disappointment in Russia is profound. A special warning is given to the Zemstvos that they are to leave off discussing revolutionary proposals and stick to their own business. As if the misgovernment which is the curse of Russia were not the business of every man who suffers from it! The Zemstvos do manage their local affairs very well; all the more reason why they should complain when the larger interests of the country are mismanaged so grossly. Despite the official threats, there is every symptom that all classes in Russia outside the bureaucracy will continue the agitation for a Constitution. As Prince Kropotkin reminds us, this is no new demand. It was very nearly conceded both by Alexander II. and Alexander III.

GUNS FOR THE ARMY.

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After a vigorous bombardment from the Press, the Government has at last admitted the expediency of providing adequate artillery for the Army. It is a strange transaction altogether, for the item of two millions and a half for this most necessary equipment was left out of the Army Estimates because the Government did not like to ask the House of Commons for the money. We were notoriously lacking in guns in the Boer War; and at this moment, if the country were unhappily plunged into war with a first-class Power, we should have to fight with guns of inferior calibre. As things stand, it will take two years to execute the order which the War Office has issued at last under the pressure of public opinion. So, despite all the changes in that luckless Department, and all the talk about further changes, the same old muddle goes on because no Government has the courage to adopt a military policy and stick to it. The game is to avoid expense, and hope that nothing disastrous will come of it.

Owing to the pressure on our space occasioned by the fall of Port Arthur, it has been found, impossible to publish this week the conclusion of "Shakespeare's Christmas," by "Q"; but the story will be completed in our next Number.

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A HINT FROM THE MIDDLE AGES: BULLET-PROOF MANTLETS BEFORE PORT ARTHUR.

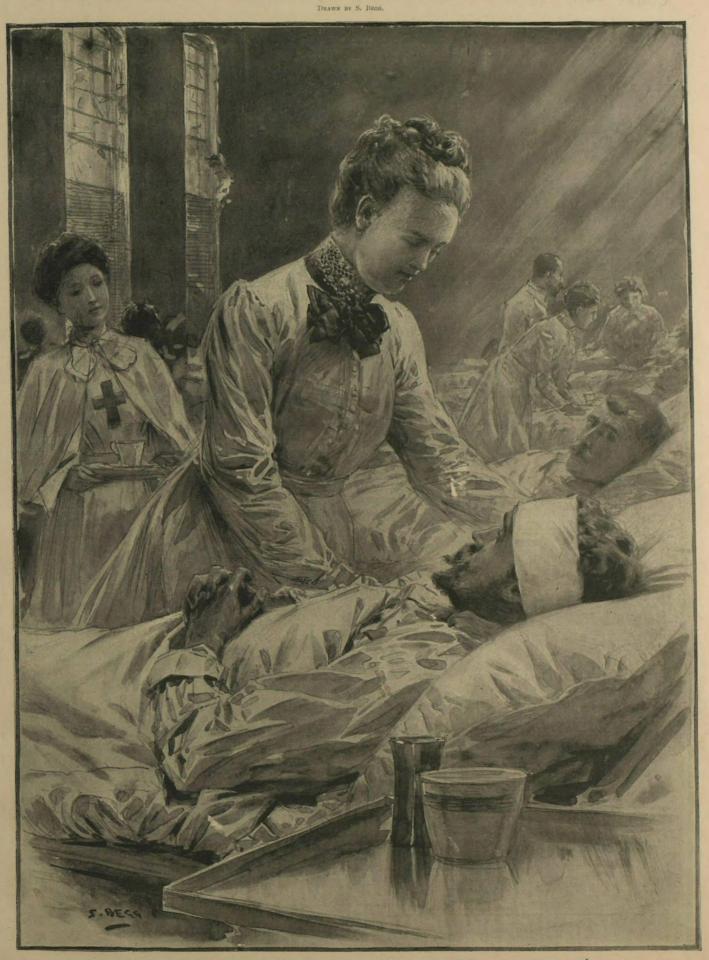
DRAWN BY W. RUSSELL FLINT FROM A SKETCH BY FREDERIC VILLIERS, OUR SPECIAL AND THE ONLY ARTIST LATELY BEFORE PORT ARTHUR.



THE MANTLET AND THE SHEARS: A JAPANESE METHOD OF DESTROYING BARBED-WIRE ENTANGLEMENTS.

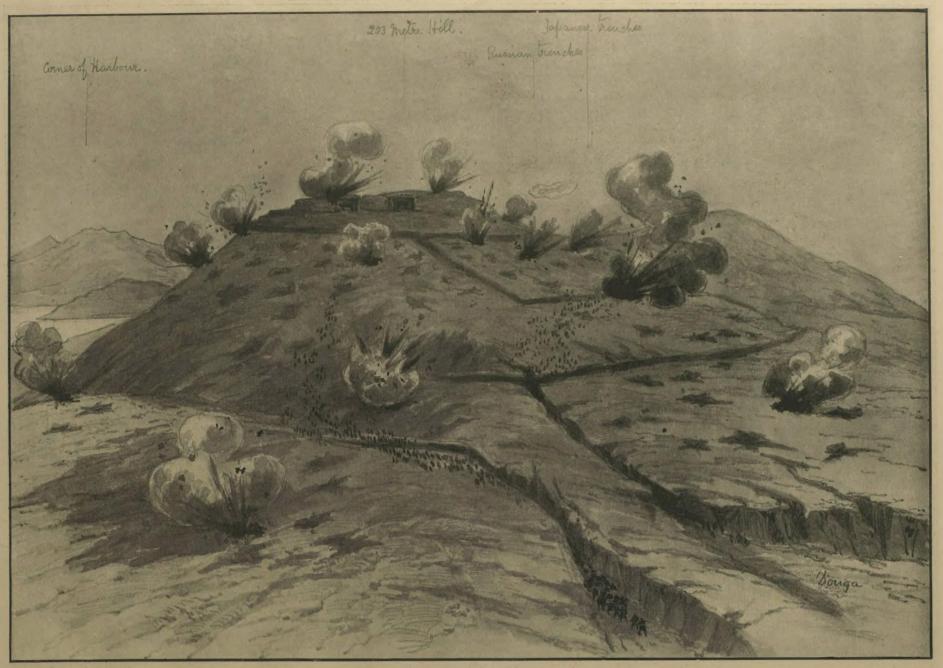
The large oblong mantlet with eyeholes, which was common in the warfare of the Middle Ages, was reintroduced by the Japanese in order to give their men some protection from musketry during the hasardous operation of cutting wire entanglements. The shields were extemporised from boiler-plates, and were fitted with straps which enabled them to be carried on the breast, leaving the hands free to work the wire-clippers. A narrow slit near the top served as a sight-hole. A wide oblong notch at the base gave the operator a chance of using his hands when the shield was actually resting on the ground.

THE ANGEL OF THE SIEGE: MADAME STOESSEL.



THE COMMANDANT'S WIFE AS NURSING SISTER: MADAME STOESSEL'S DAILY LIFE IN THE FIERCELY SHELLED PORT ARTHUR HOSPITALS.

Madame Stoessel, no less than her husband, has won herself an imperishable name in the history of the siege. Her work, however, has been one of mercy, for she took upon herself the whole direction of the hospitals. Not only did she give to the wounded her unturing services, but she pleaded for them with her pen.



THE LAST VICTORIOUS RUSH: THE JAPANESE EMERGING FROM THEIR PARALLELS TO CARRY 203-METRE HILL.

The hill was subjected to a continuous bombardment from November 27 to November 29. On the morning of the latter day, after preparing the way by neavy firing, the Japanese flung themselves upon the Russian works, but were beaten back at the point of the bajonet. On November 30 the besiegers were in possession of the trenches close to the summit of the hill, and on December 1 they carried the position. Our Illustration shows how the besiegers crept up by excavating deep trenches, which they pushed so near the fort that at length they had only a short distance to rush in order to surmount the breastworks.

CONTRIBUTORIES TO THE DOWNFALL OF PORT ARTHUR: THE LIGHTER ARTILLERY.

DRAWN BY R. CATCH WOODVILLE.

A JAPANESE FIELD BATTERY IN ACTION ON THE RUGGED HEIGHTS ENCIRCLING PORT ARTHUR.

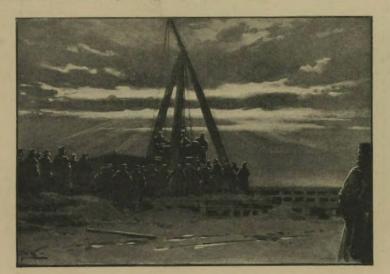


MAKING THE BEST OF A CRIPPLED RAILWAY: PUSHING UP SUPPLIES BY HAND-CAR.

Stations and large portions of this railroad were destroyed by the Russians in order to delay General Nog's advance towards the key to the situation; but the Japanese, not to be deterred by the lack of locomotives, put hand-cars on such portions of the rails as were available, and thus pushed supplies up the line.



FACTORS IN THE CAPTURE: 11-INCH SHELLS FOR THE SIEGE MORTARS.
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AN AGENT OF THE CAPTURE: A DERRICK UNLOADING AN 11-INCH MORTAR.

DRAWN BY H. W. KOEKKER FROM A PHOTOGRAPH (COPPRIGHT "CHICAGO DAILY NEWS").

These shells were photographed, near General Nogi's headquarters, just before transport to the battery. The mortar was being unloaded from a truck preparatory to being mounted in the siege battery.

ONE OF THE LAST DISPATCH-BEARERS FROM DOOMED PORT ARTHUR: THE "RAZTOROPNY'S" FLIGHT THROUGH A BLIZZARD.



THE TORPEDO-BOAT DESIROYER ELUDING THE JAPANESE FLEET.

SCIENCE JOTTINGS. FOOD-PROBLEMS.

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Food-problems represent topics which perpetually crop up not merely in the arena of scientific discussion, but also in that wherein public opinion is expressed and chronicled. It need hardly be said that the subject of our due nutrition is an all-important one, seeing that on our feeding, whether as individuals or as a nation, our working power and therefore our success in life depend. A week or two ago in this column, I discussed the question of alcohol and its place in the category of "food-stuffs." This latter topic may be regarded as having been settled by expert opinion. Beyond such technical matters, however, there lies a whole variety of simpler facts relating to our diet, such as come well within the range of what one may call practical phases of nutrition:

In the first place, we may conclude that in the course of man's evolution from the savage to the civilised state very great changes must have occurred, not merely in respect of the nature of his diet, but also as regards the means—mechanical and otherwise—employed for preparing it for his use. The diet of the savage or semicivilised man may be miscellaneous, but it is infinitely simpler than the food of higher races. A Chinaman, it has been said, will eat anything, but he is not alone in his catholicity of taste. Probably digestion is more active in the savage than in his civilised neighbour. Use and wont have accustomed the latter to dishes which the culinary art has made digestible in the highest and last degree. The rude fare of his ancestors would not in the least be adapted for him. The nearest approach we get to the digestion of our distant forefathers is observed to-day in your country swain. He may be seen by the roadside or in his field enjoying a meal of bread-and-cheese, the ingestion of which would imply for the dweller in the city an attack of dyspepsia.

Again, in the matter of digestive apparatus, evolution has had much to say. Savage man had stronger jaws than we possess to-day. His brain receded and his face - bones projected, giving him a length and strength of jaw which still mark lower races. Civilised man has enjoyed a forward development of brain, and a repression of face and jaw. It has, in fact, been a race between the two things as regards evolution—more jaw, less brain; more brain, less jaw. So it comes about that, apart from food directly, the evolution of brain thus indicated must in time have come to be responsible for differences in diet, such as are strongly accentuated in the higher races of to-day. Physiologists also tell us that, in respect of our internal digestive apparatus, modification has been at work, rendering the food of ages ago unsuited to the wants of the man in the street to-day. They are also good enough to remind us that one result of elaborate cookery has been that of hurrying through the processes incidental to digestion.

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If we recall to mind the experiments of Sir W. Roberts, M.D., on the effect of various additions to food in digestion, we realise that a good number of the accessories in which we indulge tend to slow the digestive work. Tea and coffee notably retard that work, as also do most alcoholic liquors. The use of such substances, he contended, was that of causing more time to be consumed in the assimilation of food, so that, acting in this fashion, they enabled us to digest more leisurely, and therefore to stand a better chance of making the most, in a nutritive sense, of the diet we consume. It is, of course, a familiar fact that a chemical analysis will teach us with accuracy the composition of any food we examine. That about which no such research can impart information is the digestibility of a food, or its adaptation to the personal wants of the individual. Cheese is eminently a nutritious food, because it is rich in body-building elements and is still more lavishly endowed in the matter of fat, which last is a very important constituent of our diet. But, as has been shown, the question of the digestibility of cheese and of its due and comfortable assimilation is quite another matter. It is out of many facts similar to these just detailed that food-problems arise.

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It is hopeless to expect any solution of such problems from the side of the faddists who assert in each case that their special dietaries are the best, and are adapted for all mankind. They make problems as bricks are made without straw, and raise difficulties which are really non-existent. If a man tells me he lives happily on nuts, for example, I do not dispute his statement; but I object to his deduction that everybody, would be much happier if they followed his dietetic lead. If another man advises me to give up starchy foods (which are highly important articles of diet), I can only conclude that, while I am a normal person and can digest starch, he, being abnormal, cannot. He has formulated a false standard of health, and there the matter ends. Vegetarians of liberal type take eggs and milk, but these, of course, lie outside the productive powers of the plant world. We might all call ourselves "vegetarians" in this sense, because the mixed feeder's diet includes a very large proportion of vegetable matters.

The fact is that half the food-problems would vanish away if only the faddists would appreciate the fact that man can eat practically anything. That which really settles the food of a people is climate. Men eat what lies nearest and most conveniently to hand. Far in the North he must be an animal-feeder, for he cannot obtain vegetables enough or of the quality to support him. In the South he is a vegetarian because the fruits of the earth abound. In the Temperate zone he is a mixed feeder. The exigencies of climate settle the diet because the food has a distinct relation to heat production. Man is really an omnivorous animal, modified by his geographical position qua his diet. More science, fewer fads.

Andrew Wilson.

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Sr.G. Burker, Gorathlyms, India). — So far as we know we have published all the correct problems we have received from you. We are much obliged for further contribution, which shall be examined.

RETENANT-COLONIL A G. (Panesova) and many other correspondents are hanked for their kind letters and good wishes.

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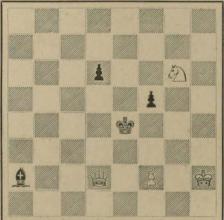
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THE NORTH SEA INQUIRY IN PARIS.

BY PARISIAN.

The Paris Inquiry opens of Jan. 9 next in a handsome suite of apartments placed at the disposition of
the Commission by the French Minister of Foreign
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CURIOUS CLOCKS SHOWN AT THE CHILDREN'S LECTURES AT THE ROYAL INSTITUTION.

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- 1. EARLY SEVENIFERITH-CENTERY STRIKING-CLOCK: NEGRO'S HEAD MOVES AND DOG JUNES.
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 3. EARLY FORM OF ITALIAN STRIKING-CLOCK.
 4. SYATED BACCHUS, WHICH MOVES ITS EVES, OPENS ITS MOUTH, AND RAISES HOTTER TO ITS LIPS.
 5. CLOCK OF ABOUT 150, WITH REVOLVING HOLLOW GLOBE ON WHICH THE HOURS ARE MARKED.
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- 6. A WATCH THAT BELONGED TO QUEEN ELIZABETH.
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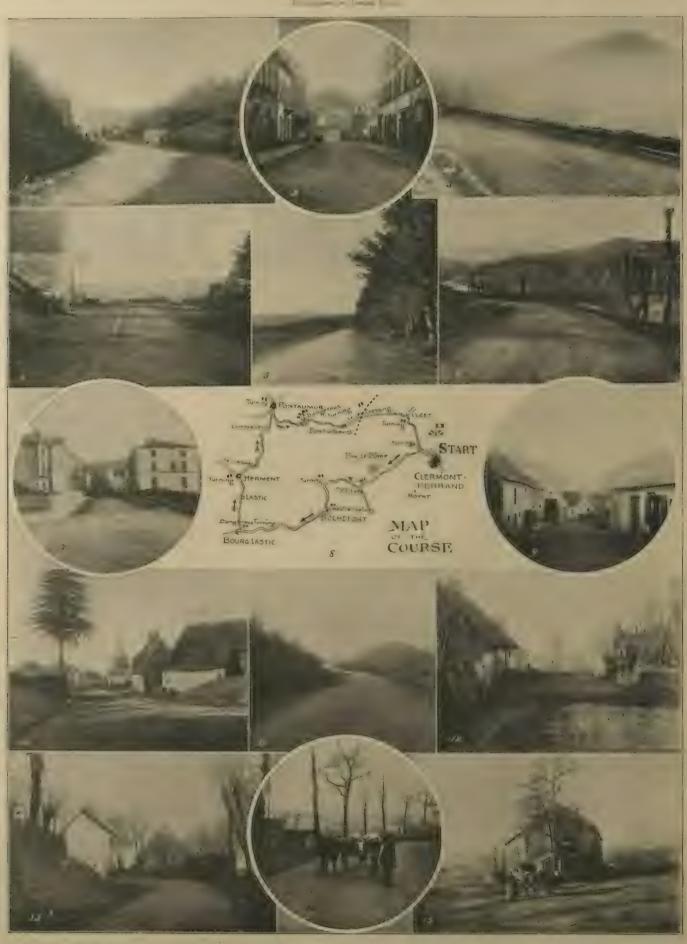
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THE GORDON-BENNETT RACE OF 1905: THE AUVERGNE COURSE, NOW DECIDED UPON.



- 4. CREAT OF THE COTE OF BORDAS, AFTER PASSING ROCHEFORT
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- 12. BORDAS.
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HARD TIMES IN THE EAST END: SCENES OF THE DISTRESS IN WEST HAM.

DRAWN BY S. REGG, OUR SP CIAL ART ST AT WEST HAM.



DESTITUTION AND RELIEF: DESERVING CASES AND THE EFFORTS OF ORGANISED CHARITY.

The densely populated working district of West Ham is feeling the pinch of winter very bitterly, and it has been calculated that within the twelve-wards of the birough Jury the usual persons are on the verge of starvation. A great "shilling fund" has been set afrot by the "Daily Telegraph," and the work of relief is being actively pushed in a by the local clergy, the Salvation Army, the municipal authorities, and volunteer workers.

A SULTAN'S RECREATIONS IN TROUBLOUS TIMES: ABDUL-AZIZ, THE YOUTHFUL



4. THE SULTAN'S ELECTRICAL LABORATORY.

5. WALKING EXERCISE WITH KAID MACLEAN NEAR THE POND IN THE PALACE GROUNDS.

While his country grows every day more disturbed, Abdul-Aziz continues to amuse himself with European toys and scientific trifling. He is greatly occupied with the motor-car, the bicycle, electric experiments, photography, and mechanical toys. He gives, however, some portion of his time to the practice of swordsmanship, which may serve him better us the end than his other sports. His Western tastes have in great measure alienated the sympathies of his people.

THE BEGINNING OF THE END AT PORT ARTHUR: THE DESTRUCTION OF THE FLEET.

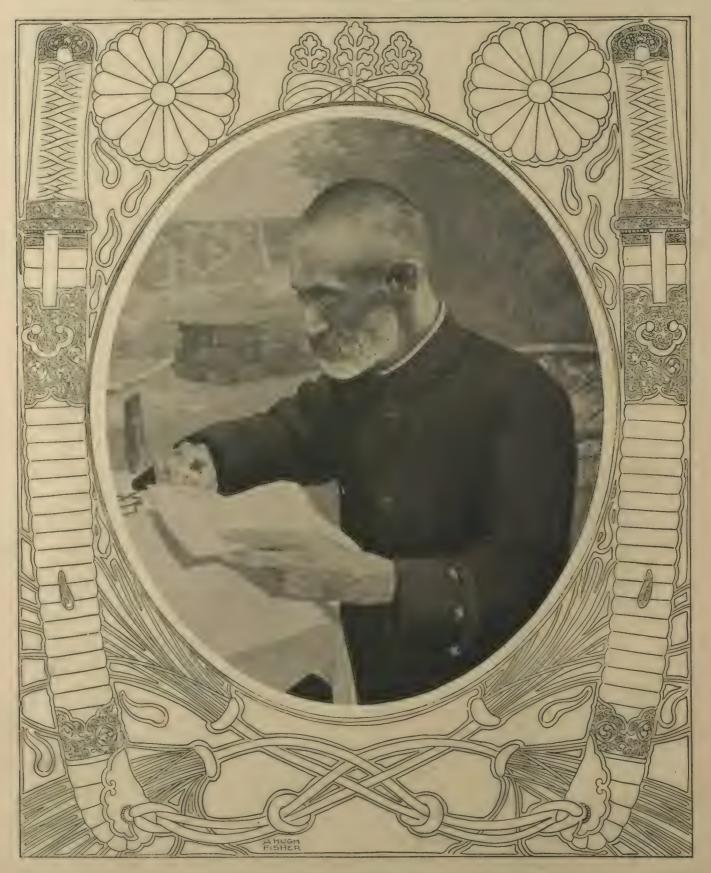
Sketch (Facsimile) by Frederic Villiprs, our Special and the Only Artist lately before Port Arthur.



THE BURNING ARSENAL AND SHIPS VIEWED FROM THE VICINITY OF 203-METRE HILL.

THE CAPTOR OF PORT ARTHUR: GENERAL BARON NOGL

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MAKING THE PLANS THAT SUCCEEDED: GENERAL NOGI ELABORATING HIS SIEGE WORKS,

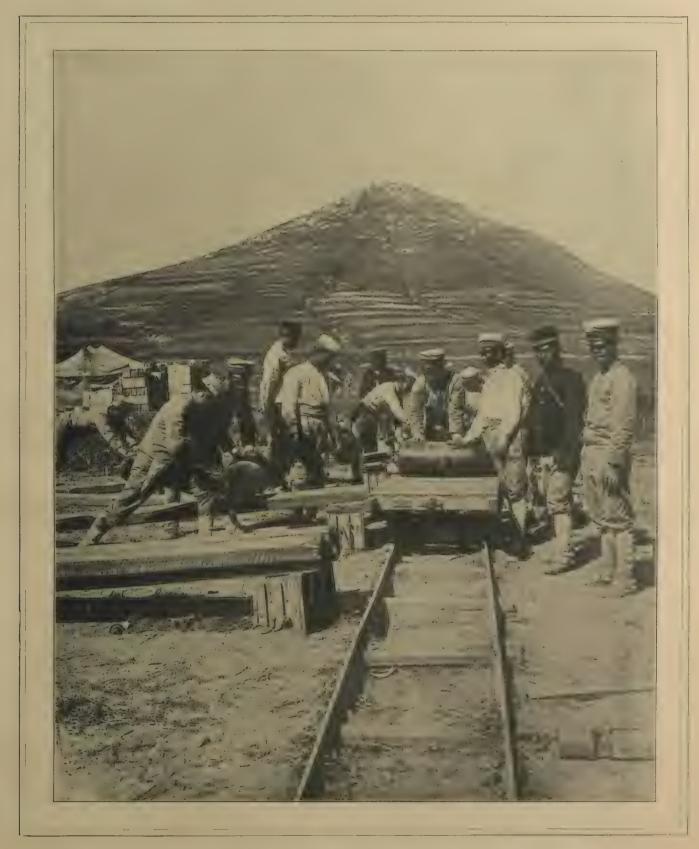
Ceneral Nogi belongs to the Samurai class, the hereditary fighters of Japan. He served in the Satsuma rebellion, when Japanese feudalism was finally crushed; was twice wounded, and rose to be Lieutenant-Colonel. He afterwards visited England for two years' military study, and in the war with China, ten years ago, he distinguished himself at Kinchau, and took fart in the first capture of Port Arthur, which his genius has reduced for the second time in the face of far more terrible odds.



PORT ARTHUR, 1904: THE SURVIVORS' TALE OF A FORT'S RESISTANCE.

FOOD FOR THE IRON MONSTERS THAT REDUCED PORT ARTHUR: AMMUNITION SUPPLY.

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LOADING JAPANESE SHELLS ON FLAT CARS JUST WITHIN RANGE OF SIMILAR SHELLS FROM THE RUSSIAN BATTERIES,

The scene is on the abandoned Russian railroad to the north of Port Arthur. These ammunition-cars, and others many times heavier, were pushed by hand, as we show on another page.



THE MAN WHO MADE THE CAPTURE OF PORT ARTHUR POSSIBLE: ADMIRAL TOGO AT HIS TASK.

Sketch I vren on Board the Admiral's Flag-Sine off Port Arthur by H. C. Septings Weight, Reproduced by the Courtesy of Messes, Armstrong, Whitworth, and Co., of Elswice.

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ONE OF THE LAST LINKS SNAPPED IN THE CHAIN OF DEFENCES: THE KIKWAN FORTS, CAPTURED DECEMBER 18.



THE FORTS WITH WHOSE FALL PORT ARTHUR FELL: PANLUNGSHAN AND ERHLUNGSHAN.



A HAND-TO-HAND STRUGGLE IN THE EARTHWORKS.

DRAWS BY H. H. FIRE.



BRINGING THE REALM OF FANCY TO DULL DISTRICTS: A MASQUE, "THE PIED PIPER," PERFORMED BY THE FAIRY-TALE SOCI. A.

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LADIES' PAGE.

Under the constant fostering care of the Princess of Wales and other royal ladies, the Needlework Guild continues to be a great boon to many poor. Ladies who join the Guild undertake to supply so many garments—at least two—for distribution in the course of the year; they purchase the stuff and cut out and stitch the articles, and then send them to the president of their county in time to be distributed at Christmas and New Year. By the presidents and vice-presidents, the premiss are allotted to be given out by the clergy, district nurses, and others in touch with the poor; but a certain proportion of the clothing is always reserved



A STRIKING SKATING COSTUME.

In aubergine coloured face-cloth, trimmed with design in broad Russian braid; a while embroidered west showing at the throat and waist. Toque of the same cloth, and ermine furs.

for distribution to destitute patients leaving hospitals at any time of year. The Princess of Wales, while still a girl, was led by her benevolent mother to take an interest in this work. In one of the late Duchess of Teck's letters, she mentions how many thousands of garments had just been poured into White Lodge as the Metropolitan centre, and adds that Princess May had given herself housemaid's knee in kneeling over, unpacking, and repacking articles from the mass for hours at a time! Twenty thousand ladies now work for the Guild, branches of which are to be discovered everywhere; and this great undertaking of chaity arose from the happy thought of one good woman, Georgiana, Lady Wolverton, who asked her private circle of friends to employ their needles in this way for an orphanage in which she was interested. The Princess of Wales this season came to London for a few days on purpose to look after the arrangements for distributing the Guild's garments.

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Lord Suffolk's marriage with the sister of Lady Cutzon adds another to the ranks of American-born peeresses whose personal charms and abilities are no less desirable than the fortunes that they bring to the coronets that they share. Lord Suffolk was "interviewed" by the inevitable newspaper man of the States, and it is gravely reported that "his Lordship, though obliged to admit that American girls have brought fifty million dollars into English families, stated that his marriage with Miss Leiter was a love-match"! Lord Suffolk belongs to the old and widely ramified great house of Howard. He himself is descended from that Duke of Norfolk who was beheaded for trying to release and marry Mary Queen of Scots. Queen Elizabeth herself, as probably lew of my readers know, had the blood of the Howards in her veins; for her mother, Queen Anne Boleyn, was a daughter of Lady Elizabeth Howard, daughter of the Duke of Norfolk who fought at Flodden. The family grew into importance largely by fortunate marriages: the old mansion to which the new Lady Suffolk is now travelling, for one thing, was brought to the title by an heiress; and the new châtelaine will restore, no doubt, the fine pile that her predecessor first made the home of the Earls of Suffolk.

Times are so hard that the sales are even more welcome than usual, and during the remainder of January incessant crowds of women of good sense will fill such great houses as Messrs. Peter Robinson's, and lay in as far as possible not only anything that may be wanted to complete the wardrobe at the present moment, but also much that will be required some weeks later, when the spring fetches us new sartorial needs, together with its brighter skies. There may be cordially recommended an early visit to the establishment of Messrs. Peter Robinson, 252 to 264. Regent Street. Better style and more up-to-date and well-chosen goods cannot anywhere be found than each department here can borst. The black goods are a speciality at this house; and an extraordinary bargain, one of many, is a black voide skirt, actually lined with silk, for only a guinea, and a walking-skirt in black serge for 15s. 11d., or, at the same insignificant price, a sun-ray skirt in black or cream voile. There are beautiful Paris model evening and dinner gowns all marked at half-price, and the ready-made silk skirts are marvellous value. Some soft silks for girls' wear actually begin at 1s. 4\frac{1}{2}d. the yard, and some black moiré is reduced from 4s. 11d. to 1s. 11\frac{1}{2}d. Furs. ladies' underelothing, unmade robes in lace, un sequined net, and in silk, jabots and veilings, gloves and ribbons, all share in the sweeping reductions. The Oxford Circus Peter Robinson's puts forth a separate attractive sale catalogue (either house will send this document on application), and "everything for ladies' and children's wear" is offered at "marked down" prices, from hats, coats, and frocks, to boots and shoes of every variety, and trimmings and trifles galore. There are some half-guinea umbrellas which are a great bargain, and sunshades from as low as three shillings, while the sturdy usefulness of the house-linen department and the toys and fancy articles of the bazaar are equally tempting.

Messrs. Robinson and Cleaver opened their new premises at 156 to 170, Regent Street, only in October, so that their goods are all perfectly fresh. However, they have resolved to keep up with the times by having a January sale none the less. The Irish linen for which they have been famed for years is reduced in price appreciably for the sale, and in this department are included such goods as embroidered cushion-covers, sofa-rugs, and lace curtains. Irish tweed is a speciality which this Irish house can supply well, and patterns can be had at prices from 1s. 9½d. upwards. Light materials, such as grenadine, reduced from 3s. 11½d. to 1s. 6½d. per yard, vie in attractiveness with readymade costumes and skirts in silk, voile, chiffin, and cloth. The ladies' underclothing department is one that this firm is already distinguished in, and there are many charming garments on sale; while lace is quite exceptionally good and cheap here, and such items as an Irish real crochet collar at 10s. 11d. are wonderful value.

Another interesting sale, beginning on Jan. 2 and continuing through the month, is that of Messrs. Liberty and Co. There is no need to describe their goods, for the name of "Liberty" has long ago been adopted, both in England and in Paris, as a description in itself. The beautiful webs and colourings in silks, cloths, and velvets, the unique patterns in cretonnes and flannels, and the uncommon designs in furniture and in jewellery are all familiar. Every department contributes its quota of reduced priced goods to this lanuary sale.

Messts. Walpole, the well-known Irish linen manufacturers, announce their sale at 89, New Bond Street, and offer certain portions of their stock at a discount of one-third of the original price. These are in no way damaged goods, but are patterns of which it is not intended to continue production, or others of which an over-production has inadvertently been made. As Messrs. Walpole at themselves the manufacturers of their goods, they can guarantee the superior quality of all that they offer; and their average prices are decidedly lower than those of shops that are merely middlemen needing a profit between the factory and the purchaser. When these always advantageous prices are further reduced the opportunity becomes one to be taken advantage of by sensible housewives. Ladies' underclothing, hand-kerchiefs, and Irish laces are included in the sale.

Messrs. Hampton's January furnishing sale offers an excellent opportunity for replenishing the house arrangements; while for those starting housekeeping it is a great help, as in every department goods are marked down from five to ten shillings in the pound below their previous prices, the object being to keep the regular stock ever fresh and new in design by this periodical clearance. Thus we find a fumed oak hall wardrobe, so useful for holding overcoats, hats, and mufflers, with place for umbrellas and glovebox, the usual price of which is £6 15s., now marked at £3 19s. 6d.; while dining-room lounge-chairs which were £4 10s. are now selling at £2 19s. 6d. In the carpet sale-room some great bargains are to be obtained, as carpets that were bought before the recent advance in the price of wool are marked at four shillings in the pound less than present value. Cretonnes, serges, and silks for curtains and covers, china and glass — in short, every furnishing item is represented in the catalogue, which will be sent on application.

Very wide skirts are being cut by most tailors for the smartest dresses, and a prohibition is required to

prevent them from making a skirt so wide that a stiffened petticoat, the horrid harbinger of crinoline, is required to hold out the dress. The wide cut is particularly troublesome to hold up, too, and therefore a skirt in this style should be kept a good two inches above the ground. The tailor's tendency is to make it touching all round; there is no train in the ordinary sense of the word, but if it be cut full and rather long all round, the skirt naturally lies on the floor alike at the front, sides, and back. The idea is to give in the thicker material the same fullness and width with which we are familiarised in soft and light fabrics. The new fashion for a tailor-made skirt for cloth is cut with nine gores, this enabling it to sit snugly and close round the waist and hips, and yet to flow full and wide below the knee. Some tailors are making instead of the many gores the old-fashioned umbrella skirt cut with a seam down the front and another down the back, the fullness being contrived by the slope of the cut. A very wide shape can be obtained by a skilled cutter out of the double-width cloths used for such gowns by this rounded method of cutting.

The very wide skirts are usually unlined, the bottom turned up and firmly machine-striched, either in four or six lines, to form an ornament in itself; or there is one row of stitching to the hem concealed by a line of trimming several inches from the bottom of the skirt. This wide skirt can also be cut from double-width materials for evening wear. Roman satin is the necessary width, and for very stately gowns for women of importance, furniture brocades answer admirably. Many of the best stage dresses for "heavy lead" are built out of furniture silks and velvets. Such wide tailor-made skirts are not in place in the coat and skirt ordered for the country or walking exercise in town; the style is applicable only to the more dressy frocks. The three-quarter coat is also unsuitable to a skirt that needs to be held up at all, as the two things cannot be gracefully combined. A smart little coat and skirt is the most desirable possession in the wardrobe for the winter, and a plain skirt of moderate width and trotteur length, with a coat having a short basque, opening down the front

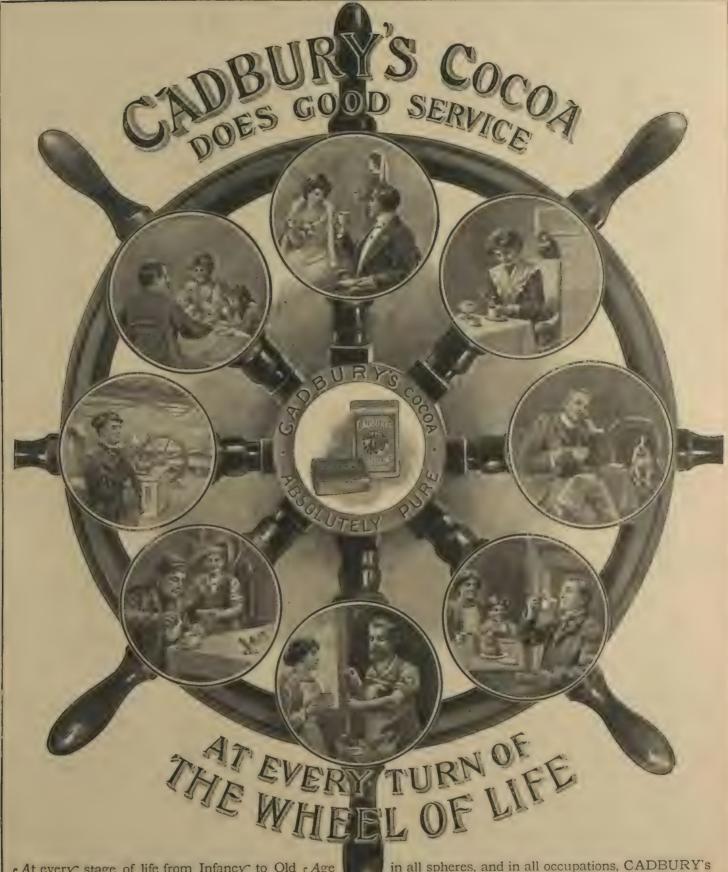


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The Winter Exhibition of the Royal Academy is mainly devoted to the works of the late G. F. Watts, R.A., O.M. The first, second, third, and fourth galleries are filled by the oil-paintings, and the water-colour room by the drawings, of this modern man who was so much of the long north wall of the large room is to be convinced of a great personality, and of a great personality, and of a great personality expressed in the terms of paint. It is not needful to say that the earnestness or the smeerity of this painter speaks with instant force as we enter the exhibition, for these qualities were the essential groundwork of Watts's purpose, and are unfailingly persistent in all his achievement. It is, however, if not the fullness, the importance and results, of these qualities that must be considered. How far may an artist impregnate his work with the moral motive without injuring his success in technique and all that that word may signify? The painting of Watts was both magnified and belittled by his unfailing scriousness of purpose.

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In all the three poitraits of Tennyson the belutionment that Mr. Watts's work suffered by its laboured "elevation" is particularly illustrated. It is easy to read the mood that prompted these portraits, the mood which inspired the determination to paint the poet and eliminate the man. The artificiality of this view has proved fatal to modern painters, even if it proved successful in the Old Master, in spite of the fact that certain initials after his name—the "O.M." of the Order of Merit — have been interpreted in that sense. The poet in a Titian portrait—or, to apply a more unfair test to the standpoint of Watts, the poet

of a Velasquez-would never be denuded of the human of a Velasquez-would never be denuded of characteristics as Tennyson has here been. A double life the poet lived, And with a double burden grieved— The life of flesh and life of song, The pains to both lives that belong-

is a poet's own testimony; and surely the great

reality was his subject, he did no wrong to strive for all the poetry in an idea that was his own and was expressed by his own symbols. In his allegories the question that must be asked is the greatness of the truth that is embodied, with, of course, an auxiliary question as to the manner of its statement. The present exhibition seems to teach us that Watts had Truth to tell, but no great power of revitalising the Truth, no intellectual originality with which to awaken a slumbering but never dead verity. He hardly added any life to the great sum of vitality which makes all truths immortal. He was not a great thinker; he was a great thinker; he was a great painter.

The great painter is made manifest in what we consider to be the finest picture in this exhibition, the portrait of the Countess Somers. It is a strange thing that we should stand before all the renowned subject pictures—the "Hope," the "Love and Life," the " but it is comparatively early W. M.



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tee hours. In the second bont M. Breitmaver was slightly wounded in the eye; out no refused to slop, and presed has opposed hard.

He was again touched, but would not obey the doctor's orders to desit, and at last he preced M. Luseies in the armpit. The
latter made a gallant attempt to proceed, but had suddenly to desist from fatigue, and own himself vanquished.

Laureate conformed to the decree. But if Watts strove for all the poet in the poet, thus subjecting himself to an idea and ignoring a reality when a

achieved by this artist. catalogue to this work, in Watts's long career.

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ECCLESIASTICAL NOTES.

At the consecration of Archdeacon Diggle as Bishop of relisle the sermon will be preached by Canon Beeching, was formerly the Bishop-designate's curate at Hossley Hill. The ceremony will take place at York Minster early in February

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The Bishop of London, in his New Year's letter, warns incumbents that great care must be exercised in the idmission of strangers to their pulpits. He complains of the "incredible carelessmess" with which some the management of the carelessmess when allow under the management of the care warn men to officiate, and adds that "not rever for one Sunday has the incumbent of a parish the right to employ the services of anyone without the sanction of the Suffragan Bishop of the district." The only exception is in the case of sudden illness.

The new Bishop of

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The new Bishop of Worcester does not expect to begin his occupancy of the see until Leat or Easter. In his sacewell to the docese of Southwark, he writes:

For myself, I should have been well content if my lot had been disposed so that I might have continued among the people and things I know so well. But since this is not to be, I could not have wished for any sphere of work more delightful than the historic diocese of Worcester, which contains within it a variety of interests which ought to fire the enthusiasm of the coldest." The Bishop's enthronement will take place in Worcester Cathedral on March 2.

The Dean of West-

The Dean of West-minster's lectures on inspiration have attracted much attention amongst the clergy. The Rev. W. H. Griffith Thomas, Vicar of St. Paul's, Portman Square, in a letter to the Guardian, recalls the words of Bishop Stubbs in his "Visitation Charges." "I feel that I am

bound to accept the language of our Lord in reference to the Old Testament Scriptures as beyond appeal." Mr. Thomas complains that while laying great stress on the human aspects of Scripture, the



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York Minster is to be restored on the north side by the erection of six pinnacles and flying buttresses to correspond with those on the south side of the nave. It had not been intended to undertake this work till the spring, but owing to the lack of employment in the city, it will be put in hand at once.

The Islington clerical meeting will be held next Tuesday in the Mildmay Conference Hall, under the presidency of the Rev. C. J. Procter, Vicar of Islington. The principal subject for discussion is "Rationalism and the Gospel." The Dean of Peterborough will be one of the speakers. V.

"Who's Who," the accepted directory of accepted, still proves to us, with its handy compendiums of reference, the continual reinforcement of the ranks of distinction. The publishers, Messrs. A. and C. Black, find it more than ever necessary to publish in a separate volume the useful tables of reference that formerly appeared before the list of biographies.

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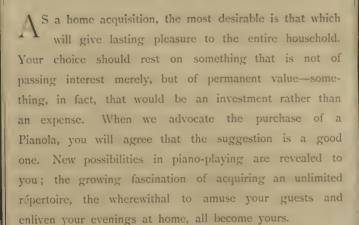
ompany the cup are also modelled "Whitaker" the InEngland and Ireland are shown; a dispensable now records its thirty-seventh annual appearance. Noteworthy among its contents is an article on the Movement of British Commerce in 1904. There is also a statistical article on British and foreign patents, and "Whitaker," that has kept so long a strenuous eye on work, now tells us valuable things about "British Holiday and Health Resorts."





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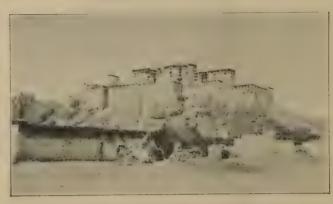
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But this Mr. Morley, being only a plain statesman and man of letters, can scarcely hope to have achieved; and the operatives of Woolwich, however much they

pected to establish a Byro rected to establish a Byro cult of the picturesque order. It may be, nevertheless, that the speech will do something to recall altention to a poet who cannot deserve the neelect with which has been treated by a generation that has been so dilizently schooled into the belief that the obvious is the inattistic that it has come to prize and the top rod in the belief that the obvious is the inattistic that it has come to prize and the top rod in the belief that the obvious is the inattistic that it has come to prize and the top rod in the belief that the obvious is the inattistic that it has come to prize and the top rod in the belief that the obvious is the inattistic that it has come to prize and that it has come to prize and the top rod in the belief that the obvious is the inattistic that it has come to prize and until now his voice has been that of one crying in the wilder.

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the inspiration of the facts and needs of the time, Byron would once more have his day."

Here of the root of that day near here is, of control of possible to say, but there are already some post days. Curiously enough, almost simultaneously with Mark Marky applicacy, there issued from the house

to make a choice personally original, and for this moderation he is rewarded by the reader's satisfaction; for those who come to the book knowing the poet feel that they miss nothing that they expected to find. Mr. Morley's beginner, with this volume in his hand, would be prepared for forming in his mind a just and sane estimate of what Byron has to give him, since nothing is presented to his notice that has not passed the touchstone.

It must be admitted that Bryon has suffered somewhat at the hand of the righteously anxious parent, and on this account Mr. Morley's advice may not have been altogether palatable, especially to the conscience of Nonconformity. The difficulties here adumbrated are of course entirely removed from Professor Wight Duff's anthology, which fulfils certain requirements outlined in the first canto of "Don Juan" in lines that, needless to say, are not quoted in the work under consideration. When Mr. Morley specially directed his advice to the beginner he safe guarded his position; for if there is to be a Byron revival, it will be among young people, possibly among the very young. That admirable spontaneity and directness, which with Byron is at times genius and at other times comes perilously near banality, carries the unformed critic along in an even and delightful sweep. And, after all, passages where the work manship is inferior do no harm, for it is safe to say that in few cases are they remembered. Yet it is well that an editor should point out this inequality of the work in its more notable instances, such as that in which the poet passes in a single line from the Spenserian stanza that is merely doggered to the inspiration of the "Isles of Greece." Perhaps it is with this in view that Mr. Wight Duff, in his quotation of the "Shipwreck," given us the really bad stanza beginning "At half-pass egain It must be admitted that



THE POINT FROM WHICH THE SIFGE OF PORT ARTHUR WAS DIRECTED: GENERAL NOGI'S HEADQUARTERS.

of Blackwood a selection from Byron's poems, edited, with a scholarly introduction and notes, by Professor J. Wight Duff. A poet of Byron's voluminous performance owes much to the judicious anthologist, and Mr. Wight Duff, who, like Mr. Lang, has not outgrown an enthusiasm for Byron which one can very eas... believe to be a first love, must be congratulated on his selection. He has not striven



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o'clock," and ending with the painfully flat and col-loquial "Senk, in short," which precedes "Then rose from sea to sky the wild farewell."

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Mr. Wight Duff pleads for a wider recognition for Byron's powers of humour, while at the same time he is discussing him as a satirist, as exemplified in "that astonishing medley," "Don Juan." There is a school that draws a special distinction between humour and titre, and reserves the former term for the wit that the satire. Possibly Mr. White Duff does not agree with this distinction, or he may have used the words loosely; for he emphasises his belief in the poet's humour in his text and in a footnote. It may be questioned, whether Byron has real humour. Symonds at a "sbury deny that he has any. A remarkable facility of comic invention may certainly be concluded in the state of the state of the true humourist. Yet this criticism is somewhat minute and curping in the case of an obtion that his been prepared with so much learning and ability, and the model of the state of the state of the state of the school of the state of the st

WILLS AND BEQUESTS.

The will (dated July 31, 1902) of MR. WALTER SHOOL-BRED, of 10, Connaught Place, and Wyvis, Ross-shire, who died on Nov. 18, has been proved by his brother, Frederick Thomas Shoolbred, the value of the estate being £607,507. The testator gives £100,000 to his nephew Claude Frederick Shoolbred, and £20,000 to his son; his residence in Connaught Place, and the contents, various securities mentioned in his investment book, various securities mentioned in his investment book, and his cape, prizes, and medals to his applicate Rupert Wilkin; (20,000 each to his nephews Lancelot Wilkin, Walter Wilkin, and Oscar Wilkin; (30,000 to Robert Thomas Jones;) 5000 to Colonel Wallace; (1000 each to John Grisse and Charles Hazard Clayton; and legacies to servants. The residue of his property he leaves as to one tenth to his brother; and nine tenths to his nephew Rupert Wilkin, he taking the attes and taking of Scell fed.

The will (dated Jan. 9, 1901), with a codicil (of Nov. 18, 1922) of Mr. WILLIAM LLOWARD MILLIAM, of Middleton Hall, Youlgreave, Derby, Chairman of the Level and Yorks. Each, w. d. Lev. Nav. 25, was proved on Dec. 15 by William Melland, the son. Mrs. Mary Hoyle Melland, the widow, and James Bellhouse Gaskell, the value of the estate being £268,794. The testator gives £20,000 each to his daughters Mary Hoyle and Annie; £10,000 each to his daughters Beatrice

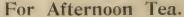
Schill, Millicent Schill, Eliza Mellor, Augusta Thorburn, and Harriette Mary Gaskell; £8000, in trust, for his grandson Frank Hulme Melland; £5000 each, in trust, for his granddaughters Eleanor and Margaret Melland Hissons Edward and William being already provided for, he makes no provision for them. The residue of his property he leaves to his daughter Mary Hoyle.

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The will (dated April 26, 1904) of Mr. John Heywood Johnstone, M.P., of Bignor Park, Pulborough, who died on Oct. 10, was proved on Dec. 17 by George Horace Johnstone, the son Lancelot Fletcher, and the Rev. John Stewart Sinclair, the value of the estate amounting to £257,823. The testator devises Bignor Park, and all other his lands and premises in Sussex and Cornwall, to his wife, Mrs. Josephine Johnstone, for life, and then to his son, but she is to release his property at Manchester from the payment of her jointure, and during her life £700 per annum is to be paid to his son, or £1250 should he marry. One half of his building estate and land at or near Manchester he leaves to his daughter Margaret Ruth Johnstone, the other half being settled on his daughter Frances Grace Hill. property to his son, and the residue of his personal estate to his wife.

The will (dated Dec. 2, 1896), with two codicils (of Aug. 3, 1899, and April 9, 1902), of THOMAS GEORGE, FIRST EARL OF NORTHBROOK, of Stratton Park,





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Micheldever, Winchester, and 42, Portman Square, who died on Nov. 15. was proved on Dec. 24 by Francis George, second Earl of Northbrook, the son, the value of the estate being £46,608. The testator gives £10,000 to his daughter Lady Jane Emma Crichton, and legacies to servants, and numerous pictures are to devolve as heirlooms with the settled estates. The residue of his property he leaves to his eldest son.

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The will (dated Oct. 6, 1904) of MR. HERBERT WILLIAM ALLINGHAM, F.R.C.S., of 25. Grosvenor Street, W., who died on Nov. 4, was proved on Dec. 23 by Arthur Fairlie Allingham, the brother, and Henry Cooke, the value of the estate being sworn at £41,042. The testator gives £2000 to St. George's Hospital for a Scholarship in Surgery; £10,000 to his brother Arthur Fairlie; £500 to Henry Cooke; £5000 and furniture of the value of £500 to Minnie Krebs, and a further £5000, in trust, for her and her husband and children; £200 to Dr. Nicholson; £250 to Dr. E. C. Bridges; and legacies to servants. The residue of his property he leaves between his brother Arthur Fairlie, his sisters Ethel Maude Woakes and Elizabeth Christina Tayler, his niece Phyllis Cotes, and Minnie Krebs.

More corpulent than ever, the London Directory appears before us in its edition for 1905. The main reason for the increased size of the work is that the publishers, Messrs. Kelly, have this year incorporated with the Post Office London Directory a book dealing with the London County suburbs. For the first time the whole of the County of London is covered, and those area are included which have previously been looked upon as beyond the scope of the greatest of directories itself. This indispensable work of reference thus extends its usefulness. Another handbook for 1905 of which we have to acknowledge the receipt is "Willing's Press Guide."

THE WAR: AN EXPERT COMMENTARY. BY R.N

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It may be useful at this juncture, when the situation on the Sha-ho presents so few points of interest, and Port Arthur is no longer available, to recapitulate the actual circumstances connected with the effective Russian fleet. This fleet may be, for this purpose, divided into four categories: the First Pacific Squadron, that which was in the Far East when war was declared; the Second Pacific Squadron, that which has left under Rozhdestwensky and Fölkersahm; the Third Pacific Squadron, now being organised at Libau under Admiral Birileft; and the Black Sea Fleet.

The first of these consisted of seven battle-ships, four armoured cruisers, eight protected cruisers, seven gun-boats, and a proportion of torpedo craft. These have been disposed of as follows—

The Trarevitch, interned at Kiao-chiao; Retvisan, Pobieda, Peresviet, and Poltava, sunk in port; the Sevastopol, torpedoed outside the port; and the Petropavlovsk, blown up by mines off Port Arthur. The Rurik, sunk by Kamimura; and the Bayan, sunk at Port Arthur. The Gromboid and Rossia at Vladivostok, badly damaged. The Variag, sunk at Chemulpo; the Pallada and Amur, sunk at Port Arthur; the Piana and Askold, interned at Saigon and Shanghai respectively; the Bayarin and Yenesei, blown up by mines; and the Novik, blown up at Korsakov. All the eight gun-boats have been destroyed at various points around the coasts of the peninsula. The number of torpedo craft with the Russian fleet in the Far East at the beginning of the war is uncertain, but it seems probable that eighteen destroyers and three torpedo-boats have been lost, and others have doubtless been injured in the bombardment of the harbour from 203-Mètre Hill. Six escaped just before the surrender, four to Chifu and two to Kiao-chiao.

The Second Pacific Squadron consists of seven battle-ships, two armoured cruisers, six protected cruisers, and a proportion of auxiliary vessels including seven torpedo-boat destroyers, and eight torpedo-boats. This squadron proceeded in three divisions, one, the strongest force, taking the longer route round the Cape of Good Hope. The first division of the squadron, consisting of the battle-ships Kniaz Suvaroff, Imperator Alexander III., Borodino, Orel, and Osliabia, the cruisers Aurora, Dmitri Donskoi, and Admiral Nashimoff, and attendant auxiliaries, has arrived at Scinte Marie, in Madagascar. The second and third divisions, which proceeded viå the Suzz Canal, are believed to have effected a junction in the Red Sea. They are composed of the battle-ships Sissoi Veliky and Navarin, the cruisers Svietlana, Jemthur, Almaz, Oleg, Izumrud, Rion, Dnieber, and Terek, the Volunteer vessels Voronei, Tamboff, Vladimir, Kief, and Yaroslav, with the transports Gortchakoff, Kitai, Jupiter, and Meteor, seven destroyers, and eight torpedo-boats.

In addition to this a third squadron is being got ready, which is to be composed of the following vessels: the Slava, as flag-ship, a sister ship to the Kniaz Suvaroff; the Imperator Nicolai I., an old vessel, originally built in 1880, but which has since undergone reconstruction; the three coast-defence ironclads, Admiral Ushakoff, the General Admiral Apraxine, and the Admiral Senyavin. These vessels were only intended for coast service, and their coal capacity is very small. The Vladimir Monomakh, an armoured cruiser built in 1881, is to form part of the squadron also, but she has been re-armed and provided with new machinery. Imperative orders have been given that the squadron shall start by Jan. 28, but the feat of preparing the Slava for the flag by that time is an all but impossible one. The Second Pacific Squadron consists of seven

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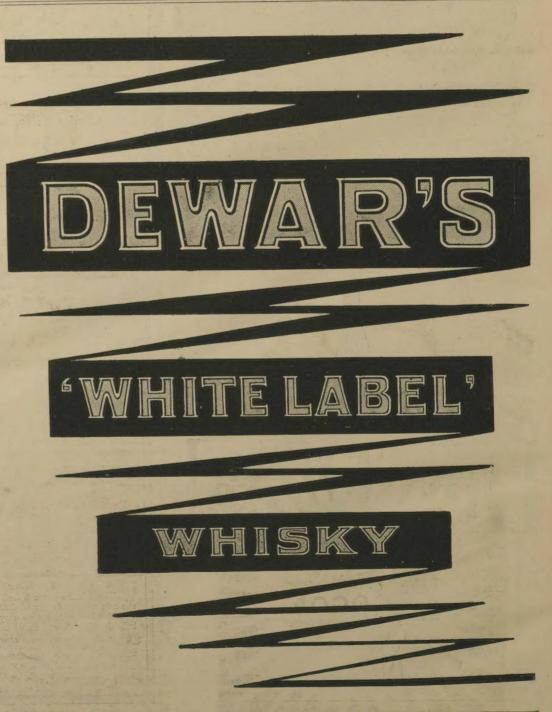
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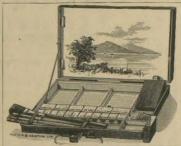
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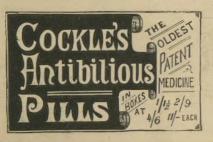


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